

# Samoa Chairs, Commemorates Climate Confab

Last November 3 the Pacific Island nation of Samoa issued a set of four singles and a souvenir sheet using the same designs to commemorate the 2015 Oceania 21 climate control conference that was held April 28-30 in New Caledonia.

Samoa was responsible for holding the Chair position at that Summit, which resulted in the Lifou Declaration that calls upon the international community to save Oceania in the face of climate change.

Oceania 21 is a united group of Pacific countries that is uniting for the common goal of protecting the oceans in the face of climate change.

In his opening statement Samoa Deputy Prime Minister Fonotao Nuafesili Pierre Laufo, highlighted the importance of recognizing clear linkages in the outcomes of separate and distinct events leading towards sustainable development being held in the Pacific region and in the international arena. One of the purposes of the 2015 Oceania 21 Summit was to work strengthen the Pacific voice at the global climate change negotiations that were held in Paris last December.



The Deputy Prime Minister stated, "The threat posed by climate change to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) cannot be underscored. It will continue to undermine the ability of all countries, in particular Small Island States, to achieve sustainable development, and threaten the viability and survival of nations."

The Pacific islands region contributes to less than 0.03% of the world's total greenhouse gas emissions, but is among the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, many of the Pacific island

nations are working towards lowering this amount even further.

"Samoa like other SIDS is doing its part to contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through its low carbon pathway actions and implementation of renewable energy projects, adopting energy efficient practices, and continuing to put in place measures to enhance the resilience of communities."

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